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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT THAT PCV'S HAVE BEEN "SHOT AT"

REF: (A) STATE 75989, (B) STATE 76108 (C) ADDIS 4139

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED ON ALLEGED PCV
INCIDENT FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT: QUOTE:

Q: WHAT INFORMATION HAVE YOU RECEIVED ON THE PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEER WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY SHOT AT IN NAZERETH, ETHIOPIA?

A: ONLY ONE PCV LIVES IN NAZERETH AND SHE IS PRESENTLY IN
THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE STORY.

BACKGROUND: THE NAZERETH PCV HAS BEEN IN ADDIS FOR THE
PAST TWO WEEKS AND HAD TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO
CORRECT A HEALTH PROBLEM. WHILE ON THE PLANE SHE CON-
VERSED WITH A CORRESPONDENT FROM THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN
ABOUT ETHIOPIA. DURING THE DISCUSSION, HE MENTIONED THAT
HE HAD BEEN SHOT AT IN ARBA MINCH. THE PCV REPLIED THAT
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SHE TOO HAD SEEN SHOOTING AND IT WAS A FRIGHTENING EX-

PERIENCE. THE CORRESPONDENT ASKED IF ANY PCVS WERE BEING HARRASSED DURING THE PRESENT CRISIS. THE PCV SAID THAT NO PCV WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM UNLESS HE JUST HAPPENED TO BE AT THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME. SHE MENTIONED THAT SOMETIMES THE ETHIOPIANS WOULD CALL AFTER PCVS (ESPECIALLY FEMALES) AS THEY WALKED ALONG THE STREET, BUT ONE COULD GET USED TO THAT. THE CORRESPONDENT TOOK VARIOUS DETAILS OF THE PCV'S STORY AND REARRANGED TIMES, PLACES AND PERSONAL-

ITIES TO FORM A MUCH MORE SENSATIONAL PICTURE THAN IS ACTUALLY THE CASE. END QUOTE

2. EMBASSY/PEACE CORPS MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON ABOVE GUIDANCE IF ASKED ABOUT MATTER. NO QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT WERE RAISED AT DEPT NOON BRIEFINGS APRIL 15 OR 16.

3. PCV IN QUESTION, JERRY ALESIO, HAS GIVEN PC/W MEMO FOR RECORD ON HER CONVERSATION WITH GUARDIAN REPORTER. KISSINGER

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